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General Comment

With both parents hailing from Washington, D. C. I have a personal connection to the The Chesapeake Bay despite residing in Florida. I've also worked as a designer at a world renowned marine science laboratory, so I've come to appreciate the enormous importance of our bays and estuaries.

Please make the cleanup of the Chesapeake Bay a priority of national importance. Our fish stocks and other wildlife populations are depending on our efforts to clean up the well-documented and unacceptable levels of pollution in the Bay.

The draft Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) is a strong step in the right direction. It sets clear pollution limits, deadlines and consequences for failure that would ensure that the job gets done. It would allow states the flexibility to determine how best to achieve results, tap market efficiencies to save businesses and taxpayers money, and provide support and guidance to states and localities to help them make on-the-ground progress.

I urge you to finalize a strong, accountable final TMDL, and to continue working with the states to ensure that their plans will deliver much-needed results.